

Summary of Services for Youth with Special Health Care Needs in Kentucky

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Health Care

Contacts	Comments
Commission for Children with Special Health Care Needs 982 Eastern Parkway, Louisville, KY 40217 1-800-232-1160	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 District Offices • Specialty clinics • Care coordination; referral • Transition programming through KY Teach Project for people ages birth to 21 • Adult program for hemophilia
Local health departments: Call (502) 564-4830 for information in your area: Fayette County: (859) 252-2371 Jefferson County: (502) 574-6530	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offer a variety of maternal and child health and family services including family planning, well-child checkups, immunizations, nutrition, genetic and developmental evaluation, home health (services vary)
Shriners Hospitals for Children 1900 Richmond Road, Lexington, KY 40502 (859) 266-2101	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehensive inpatient and outpatient treatment of orthopedic problems, burns, and related conditions for ages birth to 21
First Steps, Kentucky's Early Intervention Program: 1-800-442-0087 (V/TDD) (502) 564-4448	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides an array of health and educational services for infants and toddlers birth through 3 years who have or are at risk for developmental delays
Easter Seals Society of KY (859) 254-5701	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Services children and adults with disabilities • Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation Hospital • Camp KYSOC • Information and referral
Comprehensive Care Centers: check phone book under Mental health or Mental Retardation and Services for Developmentally Disabled: State Office: (502) 564-4448	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide evaluations, counseling and referral for mental illness, mental retardation, drug and alcohol rehab, and psychosocial concerns • Variety of programs for children, teens, parents
University of Kentucky Medical Center Phone: (859) 323-5000 UK Health Connection 257-1000 University of Louisville Medical Center Phone: (502) 852-1877 U of L Child Evaluation Center: 852-5331	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specialized services for variety of medical conditions
Home of the Innocents (502) 561-6600	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residential care for children with disabilities, teen/family counseling
Specialty Organizations - examples are: <i>Spina Bifida Assoc. of KY</i> – (502) 637-7363 <i>Autism Society of KY</i> (502) 454-6787 <i>United Cerebral Palsy</i> (502) 635-6397 <i>Hemophilia Foundation</i> (502) 634-8161	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information • Support services • Referral for families and persons with specific conditions
Kentucky Physician's Care 1-800-633-8100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refers for 1 routine office visit for adults over 18 (not KCHIP eligible) who are uninsured and do not qualify for government programs; hours M-F 9-12 and 1-4
Home Health Agencies and Hospices; for information call KY Home Health Association at (859) 268-2574	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide homemakers, home health aids, in-home nursing care, medical equipment • Hospice provides services for children and adults with terminal illness and their families
National Resource Center for Respite and Crisis Care Services 1-800-473-1727 www.chtop.com/archbroc.htm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information and referral about respite services and funding; includes national respite service locator

Financial Resources

Contacts	Comments
Social Security Administration: Social Security cards; Work Incentive Plans; Supplemental Security Income (SSI) 1-800-772-1213; www.ssa.gov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For people with disabilities a number of programs which help people get higher education, training, accommodations, work experience without losing SSI and Medicaid benefits including PASS, 1619a and b, IWRP, IPE, Student Earned Income Exclusion; IWRE
Department for Medicaid Services: contact Department for Community Based Services (previously Department for Social Insurance--DSI office) in county of residence 1-800-635-2570 Medicaid Managed Care Ombudsman for Passport: 877-807-4027	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Based on family income; spend down; disabled child calculation; and/or home and community based waiver program Services include: office visits, dental care, immunizations, mental health, pharmacy, vision care, hospital care and much more.
EPSDT (Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment) program: Contact Medicaid office EPSDT Special Services: (502) 564-6890	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funds screening and medically necessary services not normally funded by Medicaid
KCHIP (see contact info under Medicaid) 1-800-524-4718	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health insurance for children birth to 19 whose family income is less than 200% of poverty (approx. \$35,000 for family of 4) and who are not eligible for Medicaid Benefits are the same as Medicaid
Medicaid Waiver Programs: contact Medicaid office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide home and community support services to keep persons with disabilities out of institutions
Cabinet for Families and Children Ombudsman 1-800-372-2973	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assists with issues related to programs administrated by the Cabinet including TANF, food stamps, Medicaid/KCHIP eligibility, foster care, etc.
Brain Injury Benefits Program (502) 564-3615	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Case management and a wide range of services and funding sources

Work Preparation

Contacts	Comments
Vocational Rehabilitation: Workforce Development Cabinet 1-800-372-7172	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vocational assessment, referral, training, and work placement for people with disabilities Assistive Technology loan program
KATS (Kentucky Assistive Technology Services Network) 1-800-327-5287; www.katsnet.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assistive technologies and related services for all Kentuckians with disabilities including referral to public and private agencies for services and funding
Goodwill Industries: 1-800-889-8775	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assistance in finding employment Discount stores
Employment Solutions (859) 253-2658	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assistance to persons with significant barriers to employment
ARC of the Bluegrass (859) 233-1483	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Programs and referral for people with developmental disabilities
ACCESS (859) 281-2106	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Services for developmentally disabled including referral, consultation, case management, employment, crisis intervention, recreation, consultation
Fayette County Mayor's Training Center (859) 258-3140	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth summer employment and school to work programs
Volunteers of America: Lexington: (859) 254-3469 Louisville: (502) 636-0771	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Services for homeless including an independent living program, temporary housing, life skills training, job training
Bluegrass Career Services (859) 266-6053	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training, referrals, temporary and permanent employment placement for people with barriers to employment
OWL (Opportunity Workshop of Lexington) (859) 254-0576	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Job training and placement
Project Empower and Kentuckiana Works (502) 574-2500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employment for at-risk youth in Jefferson and surrounding counties
Job Accommodation Network 1-800-526-7234; www.pcepd.gov (then click on Job Accom Network)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A service of the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities; answers on accommodations and employment

Independence Building, Housing, Transportation, Personal Assistance, Respite, and Recreation

Contacts	Comments
Independent Living Centers: <i>Lexington:</i> Independence Place (859) 266-2807 <i>Louisville:</i> Center for Accessible Living (502) 589-6620 <i>Harlan:</i> Pathfinders for Independent Living (606) 573-5777 <i>Bowling Green:</i> BEST (270) 796-5992 <i>Covington:</i> Disabilities Coalition of N. KY (859) 431-7668	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information and referral related to housing, transportation, work, personal assistance, education, recreation, legal issues for people with disabilities Information on assistive technology loan programs, housing modification plans and funds, ADA rights and responsibilities
KY SPIN – KY Special Parent Involvement Network 1-800-525-7746	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent advocacy group offering education, referral, and parent to parent support through a state office and local SPIN representatives Affiliate of the national Parent Training Institute (PTI)
PiNK: (Parent information Network of Kentucky) (502) 479-7465	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent advocacy group offering parent to parent support, mentoring, and training on a variety of topics State Family Voices affiliate
Kentucky Partnership for Families and Children Office of Family Leadership, Department of Mental Health 1-800-369-0533	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides a united voice for parents, families, and organizations dedicated to improving services for children with mental, emotional, and behavioral disorders.
Kentucky Disabilities Coalition 1-800-977-7505	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information and advocacy for people with disabilities
Developmental Disabilities Council 1-800-928-6583	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information and advocacy for people with developmental disabilities
KY State ID card: From Drivers' License offices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bring birth certificate, social security card, something with address; costs \$4 and is good for 4 years
Transportation: start with public transportation system in your city or county; for training and modification for people with disabilities, call Vocational Rehabilitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paratransit cards; For vehicle modification consultations, call Superior Conversions Paul L. Erway, Rehab consultant (859) 253-1832 (offices in Louisville and Lexington)
Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (502) 564-7433	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information on specialized public transportation systems
Supported Living of Kentucky (502) 564-7702-x 4478	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Several programs to provide home modifications, supported employment, therapies, residential supports, emergency response systems, specialized medical equipment and assistive technology
Kentucky Housing Authority 1-800-648-6056	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housing assistance for rent, utility, and security deposit; provides information on supportive housing programs and programs that lead to home ownership
Local housing authorities, local public libraries, local YWCA and YMCA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Programs for people with disabilities including residential programs, fitness programs, camps, educational, counseling and social work services
Salvation Army Lexington: (859) 252-7706 Louisville: (502) 625-1170	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local groups have shelters, food and clothing assistance, youth recreation and mentoring programs Health clinics, counseling
Central Kentucky Riding for the Handicapped (859) 231-7066	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Horseback riding for children with handicaps at the Kentucky Horse Park
Parks and Recreation Departments in cities and counties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recreational programs for people of all ages; many have special programs for people with disabilities
YMCA and YWCA and 4-H; Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts; Big Brothers/Big Sisters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recreation programs and camps for all ages many focusing on independence building and mentoring
Minds Wide Open (859) 233-0960	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Art training for people with disabilities
Very Special Arts (502) 564-4970	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Art, music, drama, etc., programs for and by people with disabilities

School and Higher Education

Contacts	Comments
Local public schools: Call director of special education at local school or state Dept of Ed at 1-800-533-5372; some schools have Family Resource and Youth Service Centers and/ or Special Education Parent Resource Centers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Act) schools provide free, appropriate public education to children with disabilities Mainstreamed children are protected by the Americans with Disabilities acts (ADA) to have reasonable accommodations for education through 504 plans
School to Work Programs: contact your local school system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offer shadowing and work experiences for all students
Community Colleges, Technical Schools, Colleges and Universities have Disability Coordinators: www.kctcs.net for information on community colleges and technical schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support services for students with disabilities requesting accommodations for physical, emotional, and/or learning disabilities
Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) www.kheaa.com ; 1-800-928-8926	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information about various scholarships, loans, grants, work-study to KY colleges
Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing 1-800-372-2907 (V/TDD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocates for children and adults who are deaf and hard of hearing Provides information and referral services TTY distribution program
KY School for the Deaf (Danville) (859) 239-7017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment, counseling, referral, residential school programs for hearing impaired youth
KY Department for the Blind 1-800-321-6668	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information, referral, and advocacy for people with vision impairments
Protection and Advocacy 1-800-372-2988	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides information and advocacy services for individuals whose rights have been violated due to a disability
KY School for the Blind (Louisville) (502) 897-1583	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment, counseling, referral and residential school programs for visually impaired youth
University of Kentucky, Human Development Institute (859) 257-1254	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comprehensive diagnostic evaluations and treatment or program recommendations Teacher training School transition programming and evaluation Assistive technology evaluations
Christian Appalachian Project (859) 792-2636	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides variety of educational, counseling, children and youth and adult learning services for people in Eastern Kentucky



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